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- 1. REF A PARA 1 CHARACTERIZES ARAMCO AS QUOTE AN AGENCY OF SAG UNQUOTE. NEED CLARIFICATION THAT STATEMENT SINCE (A) ARAMCO POWER LINE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH MYERS JOINT VENTURE AND SINGLE AND HIGH RISE DWELLING UNIT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH SUNDT JOINT VENTURE NOWHERE SAY ARAMCO IS ACTING AS AGENT FOR SAG OR IS SAG ENTITY AND (B) WE UNDERSTAND ARAMCO IS 100 PER CENT OWNED BY FOUR US OIL COMPANIES, THOUGH SAG HAS PURCHASED 60 PER CENT OF ARAMCO'S PRODUCING ASSETS.
- 2. UNCLEAR FROM REFS WHAT REF B PARA 1 MEANS BY QUOTE SAG REQUIRES SPECIFIC APPROVAL FOR PROJECTS FALLING UNDER OPIC GUARANTEES UNQUOTE IN VIEW PARA 1 OF US-SAG AGREEMENT OF FEB. 27, 1975 ON PRIVATE INVESTMENT, WHICH PROVIDES THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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OPIC MAY INSURE CONTRACTS OR INVESTMENTS QUOTE WHICH ARE

APPROVED BY THE SAG. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AGREES THAT A CONTRACT OR INVESTMENT SHALL BE DEEMED APPROVED FOR PURPOSES OF THIS AGREEMENT ONLY IF ENTERED INTO WITH THE SAG, OR AN AGENT THEREOF, OR OTHERWISE APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE LAWS AND

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